

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF NOVEMBER 8, 1927

The Board of Public Works met in the office of the Governor at Annapolis, Md.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor.  
William S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller  
John M. Dennis, Treasurer.

Mr. Dennis, the State Treasurer, stated that inasmuch as the Baltimore City banks in which State funds are deposited by the State Treasurer are limited under a ruling of the Baltimore Clearing House to payment of interest on checking accounts to an amount not exceeding  $2\frac{1}{4}\%$ , he believed the State in fairness to the banks in the various counties of the State in which the State Treasurer deposits funds should not be required to pay a rate of interest higher than the amount allowed by the Baltimore City banks. After a discussion of this matter it was decided that the County banks would be notified that the rate would be  $2\frac{1}{4}\%$  to conform to the rate allowed by the Baltimore City banks. It was decided to look into the question of placing some of the funds of the State Treasury in banks on certificates of deposit so that the State would receive the higher rate of interest when it is possible to deposit money on the certificates. The rate of interest to be paid on certificates of deposit is governed by the Baltimore Clearing House and it is affected by the rates in effect as established by the Federal Reserve Board.

Mr. Dennis, State Treasurer, took up the question of payment by the Board out of its contingent fund of \$225.00 to cover one-half of the expenses of sending the Veteran Corps of the Fifth Regiment to York, Pa. for a celebration which was recently held there, the other half of the expenses being borne by Baltimore City. It was agreed that the State would pay \$225.00 out of the Board's contingent fund.

The following correspondence from Mr. Charles H. Knapp, Secretary, Maryland Tuberculosis Commission was read:

November 5th, 1927

Maryland Tuberculosis Commission,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Building Committee held in the office of Mr. Charles H. Knapp, Wednesday, November 2nd, 1927 at 2 p.m. the bids for the new construction at Mt. Wilson and Henryton were presented by the Architects.

A complete tabulation of all bids is attached to this report. See Schedule A.

The low bids for the Mt. Wilson Sanatorium totaled \$229,559.00 included Architects fee and a \$4000.00 contingent fund.

In view of the excess of \$29,559.00 over the appropriation of \$200,000.00, your committee recommends the omission of equipment as shown on Schedule B. which will reduce the contract figure to \$194,118.90.

The low bids for the addition to Henryton Sanatorium totaled \$110,914 including Architects fee and a \$2000.00 contingent fund or \$10,914.00 in excess of the appropriation.

Your committee recommends the omission of items as shown on Schedule B. which will reduce the contract figure to \$105,664.47.

Recapitulating the total cost will be as follows:

Mt. Wilson - - - - -	\$194,339.44
Henryton - - - - -	106,665.13
(Contingent Fund- - - - -	4,000.00
	<u>\$308,004.47</u>

To meet this your committee recommends that the estimated balance of \$4000.00 from the Superintendent's Cottage at Sanatorium, together with an estimated interest on deposit of \$4000.00 be added to the appropriation of \$300,000.00 making a total

of \$308,000.00

Your committee recommends that the following contracts be awarded:

Mt. Wilson:

General Contract -  
North-Eastern Construction Company - - - - - \$141,269.10  
  
Plumbing, Heating and Wiring -  
H. E. Crook Company - - - - - 41,064.00

Henryton

General Contract -  
North-Eastern Construction Company - - - - - 63,785.47  
  
Plumbing, Heating and Wiring -  
H. E. Crook Company - - - - - 33,278.00  
  
Kitchen Equipment -  
Lawrence Ellerbrock, Inc- - - - - 1,296.00  
  
Refrigeration -  
Pyles Refrigeration Engr. Co.- - - - - 2,175.00

Respectfully Submitted,  
  
Charles H. Knapp, Secy.

SCHEDULE "B"

Omission of equipment from Mt. Wilson Sanatorium,

Kitchen Equipment- - - - - \$ 8,960.00  
Refrigeration- - - - - 11,475.00  
Lighting Fixtures- - - - - 1,445.00  
Dumbwaiter- - - - - 1,615.00  
Mastic Floors- - - - - 6,129.00  
Fly Screens- - - - - 515.00  
Wall drain on S, E and W. walls- - - - - 277.00  
Substituting Metal door frames- - - - - 100.00 30,516.00  
  
1/2 of 1% allowance on General Contract- - - - - 709.90  
Architects fee on omitted work- - - - - 214.20 924.10  
31,440.10

Substitutions and Omissions Henryton,

Substituting Ga. pine floors for Mastic 1,894.00  
  
1/2 of 1% allowance on General Contract - - - - - 320.53  
Architects fee on omitted work- - - - - 35.34  
2,249.87

Charles H. Knapp, Secy.

Upon motion duly seconded the Board authorized the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium to proceed with the work and award the contracts mentioned in Mr. Knapp's letter.

The Secretary reported that the State had taken title to the property in Baltimore City formerly the Home for Incurables and that we have a deed to the property and a policy of insurance issued by the Title Guarantee and Trust Company. The Board approved the payment of additional interest in connection with the settlement for the property and the bill of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company for legal services in connection with the examination of the title, etc.

The Board approved a lease between the Central Purchasing Bureau and the Whitaker Paper Company for rental of space in the Whitaker Building, Baltimore, for the use of the Central Purchasing Bureau for a term of three years from October 1, 1927, at an annual rental of \$7,823.00.

The Board was advised by the Secretary of the execution of the agreement between the State and William Gordon Beecher, Architect, for the new building for the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

The following letter from Mr. Thomas B. Wedge, Director, Montrose School for Girls, was read:

October 21, 1927

STATE OF MARYLAND  
MONTROSE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS  
REISTERSTOWN, Md.

Mr. W. S. Gordy, Jr.,  
State Comptroller,  
Annapolis, Md.

My dear Mr. Gordy:

Is there any possible way that you can create a Special Budget for us for the erection of a school house at Montrose, the sum not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).

The building that is now used for the purpose of a school is an old tenant house. I am advised by Mr. Wilson L. Smith, of Messrs. Smith and May, Architects, that this building is not safe. I fully concur with Mr. Smith as to this, and as the Montrose buildings are directly in my charge, I don't like the responsibility of continuing to use this building as a school house.

I wrote to Gov. Ritchie about the matter, but the Governor advises me that he knows of no fund that can be used for the purposes that I mention. Will you please bring the matter up at the next meeting of the Board of Public Works and greatly oblige both the institution and myself personally,

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Wedge, Director,  
Montrose School for Girls.

Upon motion duly seconded the Board decided it could not grant Mr. Wedge's request because of the fact that no funds for the payment of the work are available.

The following letters from the Board of Welfare were read:

BOARD OF WELFARE

October 18th, 1927

Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

We beg to submit herewith for your consideration and approval the following contracts for the Maryland House of Correction:

- (a ) Contract with Davis Construction Company of Baltimore, Md. for erection of the Central Cell Wing for \$230,950.00.
- (b) Contract with Van Dorn Iron Works Company, Cleveland, Ohio, for erection and completion of Steel Jail Work in the Central Cell Wing for \$204,755.00.
- (c) Contract with Harry L. Black & Son, Baltimore, Md. for plumbing of the Central Cell Wing for \$43,274.00.

These contracts were awarded to the lowest bidder and approved as to form by the Attorney-General.

The above is submitted pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 345 of the Laws of 1927.

Very truly yours,

Robert D. Case, Secretary.

BOARD OF WELFARE

October 18th, 1927

Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

We beg to submit herewith for your consideration and approval the following contracts for the Maryland Penitentiary:

- (a) Contract with the Skinner Engine Company, Erie, Pa. for one Skinner Universal Una-flow Engine; 150 K. W. Crockett-Wheeler 250 Volt Generator for \$11,580.00.
- (b) Contract with Philip H. Lenderking, Baltimore, Md. for repairs on the west and south wing of Dormitory and power house for \$2,623.00, and other work at cost of material, plus 15% and labor charges.
- (c) Contract with Frick & Company, Waynesboro, Pa. for insulation, equipment and machinery for cold storage plant under the dining-room for \$1220.00.
- (d) Contract with Otis Elevator Company, Baltimore, Md. for labor, material and motors in connection with elevator for \$625.00.
- (e) Contract with Heat & Power Corporation, Baltimore, Md. for pipes, fittings, valves, connections, etc. in connection with fire pumps for \$1300.00.

These contracts were awarded to the lowest bidder and approved as to form by the Attorney-General.

The above is submitted pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 345 of the Laws of 1927.

Very truly yours,

Robert D. Case, Secretary.

Upon motion duly seconded the Board authorized the execution of the contracts enumerated in the letters of the Board of Welfare.

Dr. Albert S. Cook, State Superintendent of Education, requested permission to use \$14,235.06 remaining unexpended out of the appropriation of \$35,000.00 from the August 15, 1926 issue of bonds of the General Construction Loan of 1924, to take care of a deficit of that amount in the accounts of the State Normal School at Towson. Dr. Cook also requested permission to use \$1,969.71 of the money authorized by the General Construction Loan of 1924 for construction work at the Bowie Normal School, to take care of a deficit of that amount in the school's account.

Upon motion duly seconded the Board approved Dr. Cook's requests.

The Secretary advised the Board that final settlement had been made in the sale of the lot at North and Maryland Avenues, Baltimore, by an accounting received from the Title Guarantee and Trust Company of the \$3,500.00 retained at the time of settlement to take care of certain outstanding taxes, etc. The State received \$728.14 as the unexpended part of the amount retained.

The State Comptroller took up with the Board the question of reissuing certain bonds which the State owned for sinking funds at one time but which had been destroyed and for which certificates of stock had been issued. The authority for reissuing the bonds is contained in Chapter 49 of the Acts of 1924.

Upon motion duly seconded the Comptroller and Treasurer were authorized to replace the bonds previously destroyed and to execute them and to sell them at such times as may be necessary in connection with the redemption of the State debt for which the bonds are held as sinking funds.

The Board approved the execution of contracts for work at the Nurse's Home of the University of Maryland, Baltimore. The contracts are as follows:

Building Bid-Cogswell-Koether Co.	\$47,500.00
Heating-Charles T. King Company	2,627.00
Plumbing-Harry L. Black and Son	8,376.00
Electric-George W. Walther Company	2,152.62
	57,655.62
Architectural Services-6% on cost	3,459.33
	\$61,114.95

On motion duly seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT ORDERED, That in accordance with the Acts of 1927, Chapter 345, the Governor, Comptroller of the Treasury, and the Treasurer of the State be and they are hereby authorized and directed to advertise twice a week for four successive weeks in the Baltimore Sun and the Baltimore American, the first insertion to bear date of January 9th, 1928, and the last insertion to bear date of February 3rd, 1928, that the Treasurer will receive in the office of the Treasurer at Annapolis, Maryland, at any time up to 12 o'clock noon, on the 8th day of February, 1928, bids for \$1,815,000.00 bonds to be issued under the provisions of said Act; said bids to be contained in sealed envelopes appropriately endorsed, and each bid to be accompanied by a certified check upon some responsible banking institution, drawn to the order of the Treasurer of Maryland, for five percentum of the par value of the amount bid for. All bids will be opened at 12 o'clock noon on the 8th day of February, 1928.

Said bonds shall be dated the 15th day of February, 1928, and they shall bear interest at the rate of four and one-quarter per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the 15th days of August and February, respectively, during the continuance of said loan. Said bonds shall be of the denomination of \$1,000 each, all shall be subject to registration as to principal, and all shall be issued with interest coupons attached and shall be deliverable on the 15th day of February, 1928. The said bonds shall be issued upon the Serial Amuity Plan, as provided in said Act.

The right shall be reserved to accept one bid for all of said loan, or separate bids for parts of said loan, as may produce the highest amount; and the right shall also be reserved to accept bids which are for parts of said loan, but which may not be for all, and to reject all bids or any bids. If two or more responsible bidders shall make the same bid and each bid shall be for the highest, and the certificates so bid for by such highest responsible bidders shall be in excess of the whole amount of certificates as offered for sale, then such certificates of indebtedness may be awarded in a ratable proportion to such responsible bidders bidding the same price.

The Governor, Comptroller and the Treasurer shall cause to be prepared bonds in good and sufficient form for the amount of such loan.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*Joseph O'Malley*  
Secretary

*General Construction  
Loan of 1927*